

CHESTER RIVER

MARYLAND

Project Name: Captain John Smith National Historic Trail and the Star-Spangled Banner Trail

Project Type:

- Recreation (Trail and River Access)
- Large Landscapes
- Youth
- Education



Project Description: The John Smith Trail traces the historic water routes of Captain John Smith's voyages exploring the Chesapeake Bay and waterways in Maryland, Virginia, Delaware, and the District of Columbia. The Star-Spangled Banner Trail follows the route of the Chesapeake Campaign of the War of 1812, on many of the same waters.

The trails connect major cities and scores of historic and natural areas, and provide tremendous opportunities for recreation, tourism, education, and conservation. The project will increase trail orientation and interpretive signage, launch new visitor information initiatives, and identify indigenous cultural landscapes along the John Smith Trail. The project will also open new sections of the trails, connect to other trails, add public and river access sites, and protect important trail resources.

Lead Federal Agency:

- National Park Service

Non-Federal Partners:

- Maryland Department of Natural Resources
- Maryland Historical Trust
- Maryland Office of Tourism Development
- John Smith Trail Advisory Council
- Chesapeake Conservancy
- Sultana Projects Inc.

Outcomes for 2012:

- Complete management plan and land protection plan for entire Captain John Smith trail
- Obtain a Connecting Trail designation on the Chester River
- Complete signage and interpretive media for Chester River Water Trail
- Launch National Park Service Chesapeake Application including John Smith trail component



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